第5話

IN THE END, NO MATTER WHAT I DO, IT WILL BE IN VAIN

NO MATTER HOW BROKEN HE IS, I CANNOT HAVE HIM

EVEN IF HE DROPS TO THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF THE ABYSS

EVEN IF HE'S IN A GUTTER LIKE THIS..

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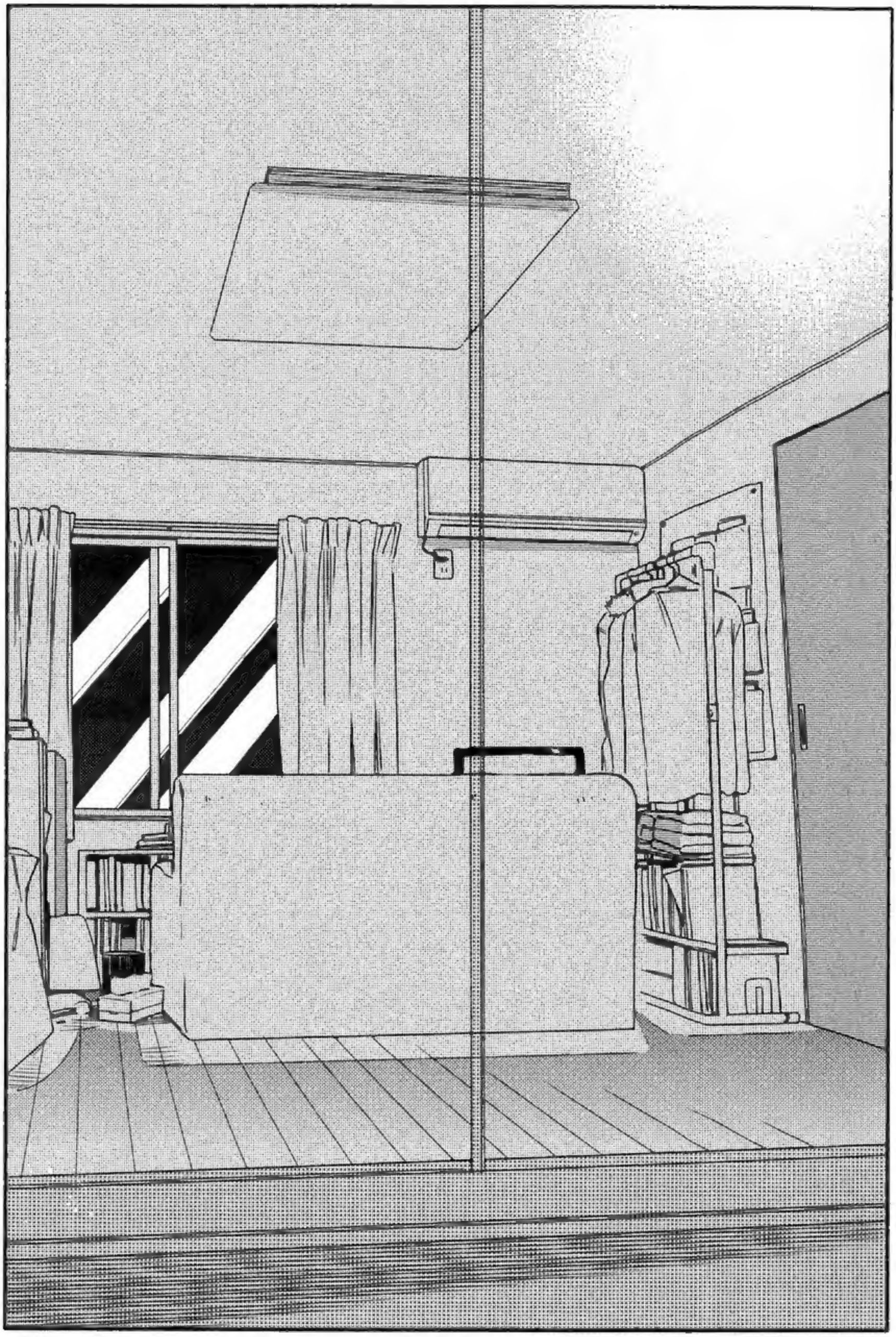
NIICHAN..?



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AS I BECAME COMPLETELY ALONE FOR THE FIRST TIME, MEMORIES FROM THE PAST BEGAN TO SURFACE

HAPPY TIMES

SAD TIMES

INFURIATING TIMES

I HEARD YOUR OLDER BROTHER IS BEING TREATED LIKE A GIRL?

YOU'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME WITH MONEY? SHOULD I HELP YOU OUT?

THEY LOST BOTH OF THEIR PARENTS AT THE SAME TIME IN A CAR ACCIDENT..

APPARENTLY IT WAS A DRUNK DRIVER THAT HIT THEM

..THAT MARK... WHO DID THAT TO YOU?
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NIICHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
NIICHAN
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I THINK ABOUT IT, THE THOUGHT I ALWAYS ARRIVE AT IS
AKIO

NIICHAN IS FOREVER A BEAUTIFUL EXISTENCE TO ME

A FEW YEARS LATER

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BUT YOU WERE THE ONES THAT CHEATED

OH MY GOD, YOU'RE HURT..

ARE YOU OKAY?

HEY..

MISTER!

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...AKIO

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NIICHAN

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ARE YOU OKAY?

THEY SAID ANEMIA CAUSED THIS

AKI..

SO THE HOSPITAL CONTACTED ME

THEY FOUND MY PHONE NUMBER IN YOUR WALLET

AH..

DO YOU REMEMBER FAINTING AND BEING BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL?

CAN YOU STAND?

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LET GO OF ME!

WAI..

YOU JUST DRANK A BUNCH OF BOOZE ALL THE TIME, DIDN'T YOU?

THEY SAID YOU'RE FREE TO LEAVE, LET'S GO

I'LL CALL A TAXI

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IT'S BEEN AWHILE

I REALLY MISSED YOU, NIICHAN.

IT'S REALLY AWKWARD TALKING TO YOU LIKE THIS

YOU MEAN THE DAY YOU RAPED ME?

AFTER THAT DAY..

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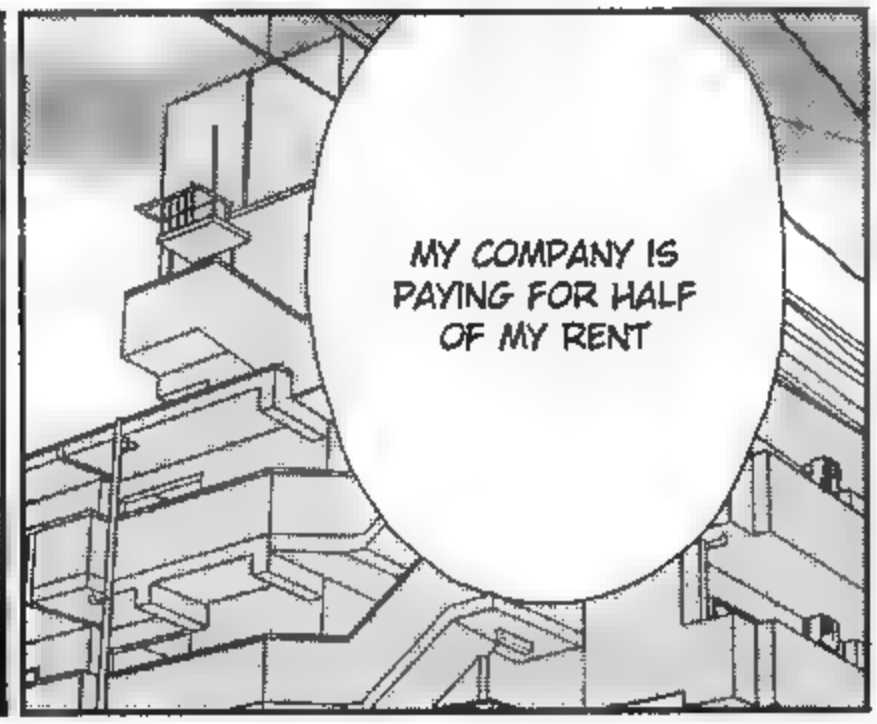
I MOVED HOUSES

I GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY AND GOT A JOB

IT'S A PRETTY GOOD COMPANY



FOR YEARS, I WAITED FOR YOU TO COME BACK TO THAT APARTMENT

THAT PLACE IS GONE NOW

AND YOUR CELL PHONE WAS SUSPENDED

I FELT COMPLETELY LOST..

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FROM THEN ON, I DECIDED TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER AND LIVE

I HAD A REALLY TOUGH TIME

SO HOW IS IT?

YOU..
YOU'VE BECOME A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON WHILE WE WERE APART..
DO YOU SEE ME AS A YOUNGER BROTHER YOU CAN BE PROUD OF?
SOME-HOW.. YOU'VE BECOME MORE MATURE..
IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE MORE CALM NOW..
THAT'S AMAZING..

I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU

Ring ring~

WAIT, DO YOU HAVE ANYWHERE TO STAY?

SORRY YOU HAD TO DO THAT FOR ME

I'M GOING TO GO NOW

IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU AFTER ALL THIS TIME

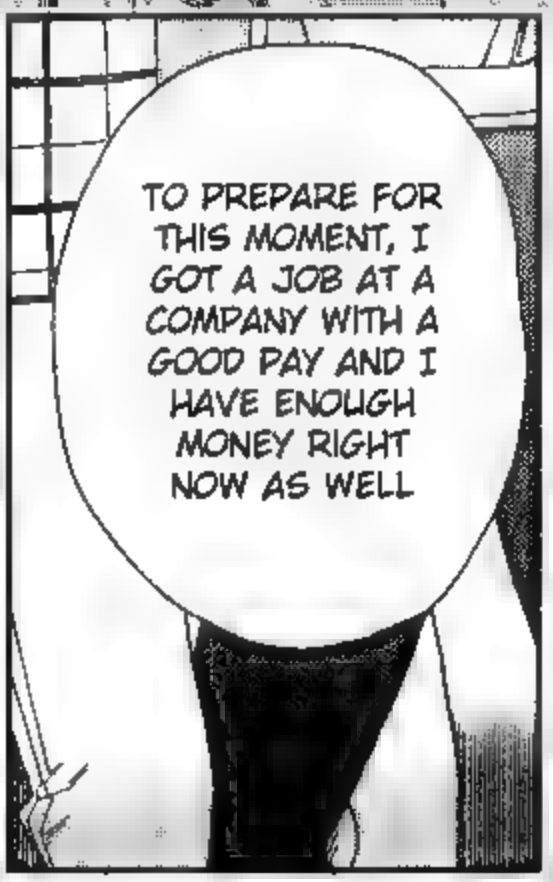
YEP, IT'LL ALL WORK OUT SOME-HOW

I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU - I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY, REMEM-BER?

DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE SURE I DON'T BOTHER YOU ANYMO...

YOU CAN'T

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO A SECOND TIME



YOU.. DID YOU REFLECT ON YOUR ACTIONS AT ALL..?

I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP

HOW'S THAT? ISN'T THAT GREAT?

I'VE GIVEN UP ON RECEIVING YOUR LOVE AS A ROMANTIC PARTNER

I'M GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE

FROM NOW ON

I HAD TO HIT ROCK BOTTOM BEFORE DECIDING ON THIS

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AAA...

AKIO?!

AH!

ARE YOU THINKING OF RAPING ME AGAIN?!

YOU THINK IT'LL WORK OUT BY JUST LOCKING ME UP?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY YOU'RE BEING LIKE THIS

AKIO!!

I.. WANT NIICHAN

DON'T LIKE THE THOUGHT OF NIICHAN GETTING TAKEN FROM ME BY OTHER GUYS

I WISH YOU WOULD ONLY LOOK AT ME

...I

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I'M SORRY THAT I'M THIS KIND OF YOUNGER BROTHER..

YOU
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING..

STOP MESSING AROUND!
I PURPOSELY LEFT THE HOUSE
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING WHEN I RAISED YOU?
BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT I RUINED YOU
A BRAT LIKE YOU WHO HAS NO ONE ELSE TO BE JEALOUS OF. WHY?
AND NOW THAT'S ALL FOR NOTHING!

IN THE END..
I JUST MADE YOU
HAVE A TOUGH
TIME..

NIICHAN..

I'M A TOUGHER
PERSON THAN
YOU THINK

I'VE BEEN WITH
SO MANY GUYS
UP UNTIL NOW

..EVEN IF YOU
DID THAT STUFF
TO ME, I'M
PRETTY MUCH
IMMUNE TO IT

BUT.. I GUESS
YOU WERE NO
DIFFERENT
FROM ME

I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO

NIICHAN..

YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO REGRET THIS, RIGHT?

EVEN IF I DROWN IN THIS MUDDY ABYSS..
AHH..

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THIS IS PROBABLY

AH..

SOMETHING THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CRAZY

I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD IT ANYMORE..

NN..

AH..

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO LOCK ME UP

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH ONLY THIS MUCH

AKI..

YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO SIT BACK?

YOU LIKE IT WHEN THIS PART IS STUFFED, DON'T YOU?

IF PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT THIS, THEY WOULD PROBABLY POINT FINGERS

AH

YOU CAN'T YET, HOLD IT BACK

AKIO..

I CAN'T ANY-MORE..

HOWEVER

AAAHH

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DOES IT HURT?

NGH

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YOU EVEN HAVE GOOSE-BUMPS

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THIS PLACE IS IN THE VERY CENTRE OF THE MUDDY ABYSS

..IT FEELS GOOD..

AH

AHH..!

NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, IT WON'T REACH US

NNGH

AH

AAHH

THEREFORE

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AH..
AH..
INSIDE..
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NN..
THEREFORE

FROM NOW ON, LET'S LIVE OUR LIVES TOGETHER

NIICHAN..

I'M GOING TO WORK NOW

IF YOU GET HUNGRY, EAT THE FOOD IN FRIDGE

...I'LL BE BACK SOON

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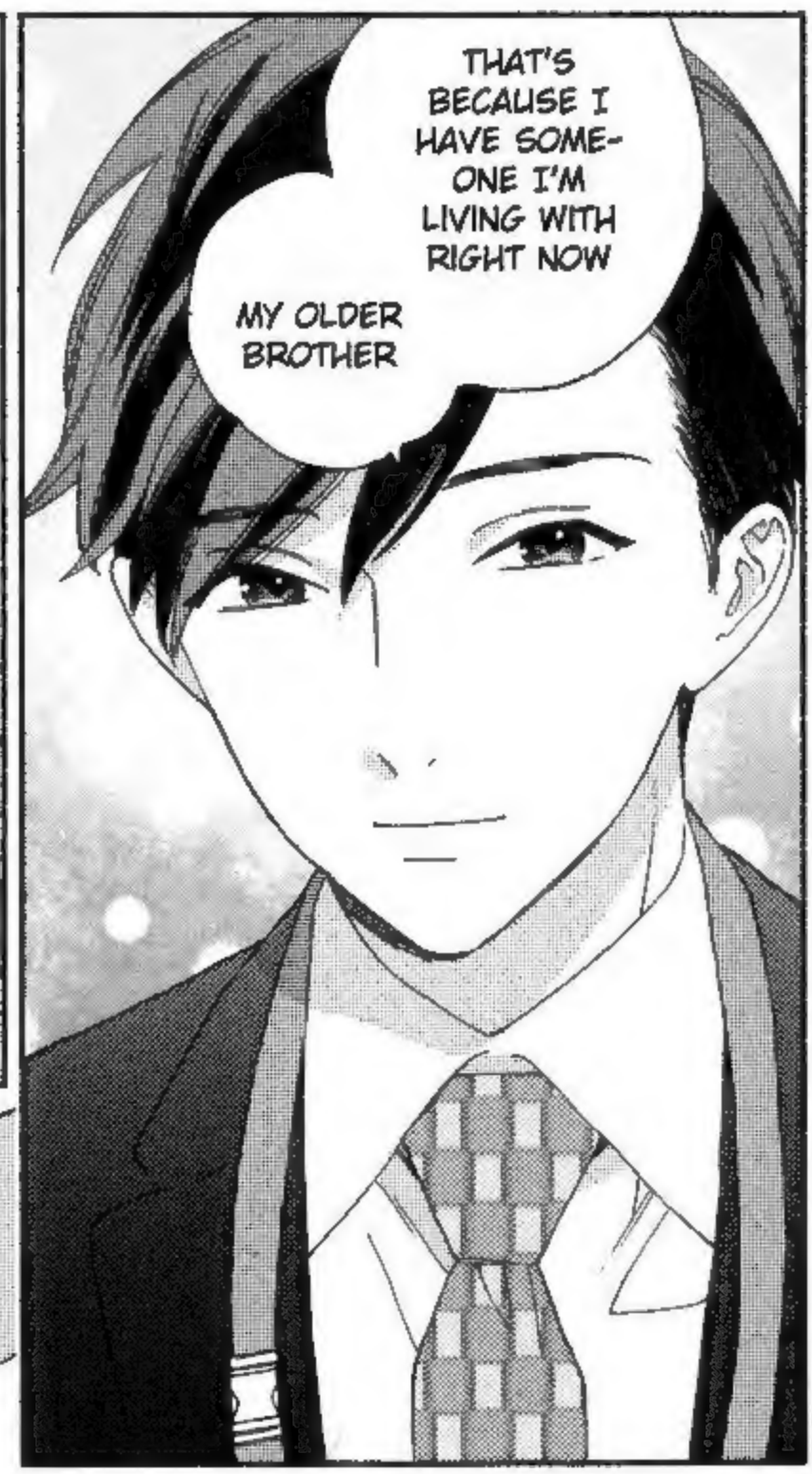
YEAH, I HAVEN'T DATED ANYONE IN AWHILE
BUT YOU ALWAYS LEAVE WORK EARLY, THOUGH
AH-

TACHIBANA-SAN, ARE YOU STILL SINGLE?

-IS WHAT HE SAID
SHOULD I TRY HITTING ON HIM?
GIVE IT UP, HE DEFINITELY ALREADY HAS A GIRLFRIEND
EH HOW?!


THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE SOME-ONE I'M LIVING WITH RIGHT NOW
MY OLDER BROTHER

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, I SAW HIM

BUYING FLOWERS FOR SOMEONE
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